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SUBJECT: EASUM-KOTSOKOANE MEETING

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM MET IN NEW YORK OCTOBER 4  
WITH LESOTHO FOREIGN MINISTER KOTSOKOANE FOR USEFUL HOUR-  
LONG DISCUSSION OF MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST.

2. LESOTHO/US COOPERATION AT UN: EASUM THANKED KOTSOKOANE  
FOR LESOTHO'S PAST HELPFUL STANCE AT UN ON ISSUES INCLUDING  
KOREA, CAMBODIA, AND MIDDLE EAST. KOTSOKOANE EXPRESSED  
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PLEASURE THAT SUCH COOPERATION IS POSSIBLE, DESPITE DIFFER-

ENCES OF SIZE AND ECONOMIC POWER, AND INDICATED THAT LESOTHO WOULD CONTINUE TO BE HELPFUL. HE SAID LESOTHO'S POSITION ON SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS QUESTION WOULD BE DETERMINED AFTER HE HAD MET WITH OTHER OAU DELEGATION HEADS OCTOBER 7.

3. US AID TO LESOTHO: KOTSOKOANE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR CONTINUING US BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO LESOTHO, PARTICULARLY IN FOOD PRODUCTION, NOTING THABA BOSIU PROJECT. HE HOPES FOR MORE. EASUM ASSURED HIM OF CONTINUING US SUPPORT FOR LESOTHO'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, CONSISTENT WITH AID SECTOR PRIORITIES AND FINANCIAL

CONSTRAINTS.

4. SOUTHERN AFRICA. AFTER NOTING WITH ADMIRATION LESOTHO'S COMMITMENT TO MULTIRACIALISM, EASUM ASKED FOR KOTSOKOANE'S ASSESSMENT OF EVOLVING SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION IN WAKE OF PORTUGUESE COUP. KOTSOKOANE MENTIONED HIS MEETING WITH FRELIMO EN ROUTE TO UNGA. HE BELIEVES VERY STRONGLY THAT LESOTHO QUOTE CANNOT ESCAPE UNSCATHED UNQUOTE FROM POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE COMING IN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA. HE FEELS THAT KEY IS TO TRY TO ALLAY FEARS OF CHANGE ON PART OF GOVERNMENTS IN POWER IN PRETORIA AND SALISBURY. HE BELIEVES THEY MUST BE SHOWN THAT IT IS TO THEIR ADVANTAGE TO QUOTE DISMANTLE SYSTEMS OF SEGREGATION. UNQUOTE.

5. HOMELANDS: EASUM ASKED KOTSOKOANE'S OPINION OF DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA'S HOMELANDS POLICY. KOTSOKOANE SAID HE SAW SAG POLICY AS ATTEMPT TO FRAGMENT COUNTRY INTO QUOTE HODGEPODGE UNQUOTE OF UNITS, ECONOMICALLY NON-VIABLE EXCEPT FOR QUOTE BLANKESTANS UNQUOTE (WHITE AREAS). HE ADDED THAT LESOTHO COULD NEVER CONCEDE APARTHEID AS CONCEIVED. IN ADDITION, HOMELANDS POLICY DOES NOT DEAL WITH PROBLEM OF URBAN AFRICANS. KOTSOKOANE SAID THAT ATTACHING AFRICANS IN SOWETO TO HOMELANDS WAS LIKE TRYING TO SEND ITALIANS IN THE BRONX BACK TO ITALY.

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6. FUTURE MEETINGS: AT CLOSE OF FRANK AND LIVELY SESSION, EASUM OUTLINED HIS SOUTHERN AFRICAN TRAVEL PLANS TO KOTSOKOANE WHO ASKED THAT THEY MEET AGAIN IN LUSAKA OR MASERU TO PURSUE DISCUSSIONS AT GREATER LENGTH. KISSINGER

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